

A highway map of the entire county or municipal area is useful as a supplementary map for showing SR numbers and overall road arrangement, but they show less detail than the county street map books. County and municipal highway maps may be available locally or from N.C. Dept. of Transportation (919-212-6000, or order on-line at <http://www.ncdot.org/it/img/DataDistribution/PaperMaps/default.html>).

If you know the SR number of a road but not its "911" name, or vice versa, a useful web site, "Online SR# Lookup," is provided by the NCDOT: <https://apps.dot.state.nc.us/srlookup/>.

A typical county will be covered by some 12-15 USGS maps or portions of maps. USGS quad maps do not coincide with county boundaries. It is useful to mark lines on the county highway map to show where the USGS quads lie. It is also helpful to mark the county boundaries on USGS field maps, as the county lines can be difficult to see on some maps. A list of USGS quad name abbreviations to be used on the survey forms may be obtained from the National Register assistant, Survey and Planning Branch.

Maps for Urban Survey

Large scale urban maps--ideally large-scale planimetric or other maps, drawn at a scale of 1 inch = 100 feet or 1 inch = 200 feet and showing property lines and/or buildings--serve as the base maps for urban surveys. These are usually available from the local planning department and often have either zoning information or tax parcel numbers. They should be used in coordination with an overall map of the town or city, such as a Champion Map, usually obtained from a local bank, realtor, or chamber of commerce. In some cases the local fire department has bound copies of recent Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, updated in the 1960s or 1970s, which may be adaptable for fieldwork. Consult with the local planning department to find the best maps for your survey.